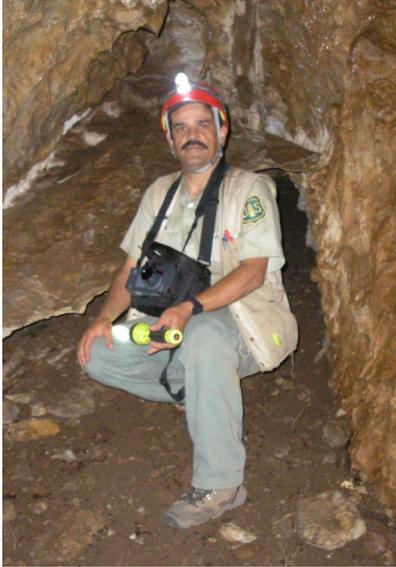


## Dinkey Forest Landscape Project – Member Biographies

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Patrick Emmert, Southern California Edison  
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Rebecca Garcia, U.S. Forest Service  
Rebecca Green, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station *and* PhD Graduate Student,  
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Richard J. Bagley, Southern California Edison  
Ron Goode, North Fork Mono Tribe  
Shawn Ferreria, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
Stan Harger, Retired, Active Volunteer  
Stan Van Velsor, The Wilderness Society  
Stephanie Barnes, U.S. Forest Service  
Steve Haze, Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council; Sierra Resource  
Conservation District  
Steve Marsh, U.S. Forest Service  
Sue Britting, Sierra Forest Legacy



**Name:** Alan J. Gallegos

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Province Geologist for the Southern Sierra Province (Sierra, Sequoia and Stanislaus National Forests) and the Sierra National Forest Soils Program Manager

**Home Location:** Tollhouse, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Experience:** Alan has been in this position since 2008. Alan was the Assistant Province Geologist for the Southern Sierra Province from 1994 to 2007. Alan has worked for the Forest Service, since 1980 with prior experience in Northern California and Central Utah. Alan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Southern Colorado. Alan's area of expertise is Geomorphology, Engineering Geology, and Erosion Control

with special emphasis on fluvial/mass wasting processes and watershed assessment. Alan is also the forest's cave specialist. Alan has worked on several multidisciplinary teams including the Kings River Administrative Study, fuels reduction and timber sale projects, the President's Ecosystem Management Assessment Team, Disaster or Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) Assessment Teams for Fire and Floods, and the National Terrestrial Ecological Unit Inventory Team. Alan has been a member of the Geologic Society of America, since 1980 and was made a fellow in 2009. Alan is also a member of the Association of Engineering Geologists and the National Speleological Society.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Alan enjoys playing the guitar, sailing, and being involved with the community in the Prather, Auberry and Tollhouse area. Alan has been a member of the Ponderosa Lions Club for 17 years and is an active member of the Sierra Lutheran Church. Alan lives with his wife Sue on their small ranchette in the Tollhouse area and raises show quality bantam chickens and the best lamb that money can't buy.



**Name:** Amy Gustafson

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Rangeland Management Specialist, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest

**Home Location:** Clovis, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Experience:** Amy Gustafson is a Rangeland Management Specialist who administers livestock grazing permits on the High Sierra District of the Sierra National Forest. Her work focuses on administering an ecosystem based rangeland management program and performing related resource coordination. Her duties include: grazing permit administration, allotment management planning, range analysis and monitoring, land use plan implementation, scientific and technical analysis, and providing advice and assistance on conflicting and diverse program interests.

While completing her Bachelors of Science (BS) in Rangeland Resource Science at Humboldt State University, Amy worked during her summers as a Range Technician collecting field data for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Program, and as a Plant Science Technician for the University of California, Davis.

After completing her BS in May of 2007, Amy worked for the USFS conducting field work with the Rocky Mtn Research Station on the Sagebrush Steppe Treatment Evaluation Project, followed by the University of Montana assisting a graduate student collect data for the California Department of Fish and Game's Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Recovery Program. Her most recent position, prior to joining the Sierra NF in 2008, was working for the BLM in Oregon under a Fire Ecologist collecting vegetation data in post-fire seedings.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Kayaking, backpacking, fishing, diving, hiking, mountain-climbing, skiing, snow-shoeing, gardening, travelling, and spending time with her family and friends.



Name: Andrew Hosford

Current Position and Affiliation: Forest Road Manager, Sierra National Forest

Home Location: Prather and North Fork, California

Professional Background and Relevant Experience: Andy Hosford has worked for the Forest Service for 27 years. Andy graduated from Humboldt State University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Interpretation and began working with the

Forest Service as a seasonal employee. His early jobs were as a timber marker, harvest inspector, and vegetation inventory surveyor. A lot of the field work was conducted within the Dinkey Landscape area. Andy has worked for Engineering since 2000 supporting the road management program and doing public works contract inspection. He has been a Road Manager since 2007 and has been involved in multiple NEPA planning projects including several Integrated Resource Projects and Travel Management. He is also the Forest Sign Coordinator and is responsible for designing the Annual Road Maintenance Plan for the Forest.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Spending time outdoors, working around the house, spending time with my family, watching sports, studying weather.



**Name:** Carolyn Ballard

**Current Position and Affiliation:** District Fuels and Prescribed Fire Specialist, High Sierra District, Sierra National Forest

**Home Location:** Prather, California

**Professional Background:** Carolyn has a Bachelors of Science Degree from Humboldt State University in Natural Resource Planning and Interpretation. She completed the Washington Institutes Technical Fire Management Course in 1995. Carolyn began her career in fire as a temporary fire fighter on the former Kings River District in 1982; in addition, her experience includes project analysis and fuel and fire prescriptions in fuels management since 1990. Carolyn has been involved in the project level planning, fire modeling and analysis of more than a dozen vegetation management projects in all Sierra Nevada vegetation and timber types and has been the Interdisciplinary Team Leader, writer/editor

and fuels and fire specialist on 5 large hazard reduction fuels project for community protection in the Wildland Urban Intermix. She has more than 30 years of experience in Fire and Aviation Management, including fire suppression, fuels management and prescribed fire. She became a full time team member to the Kings River Project in October 2004 and is currently the Fire and Fuels Specialist on the Dinkey Forest Restoration Project.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Camping, hiking, world and regional travel, reading and dancing.



Name: Chad Hanson

Current Position and Affiliation: Director, John Muir Project

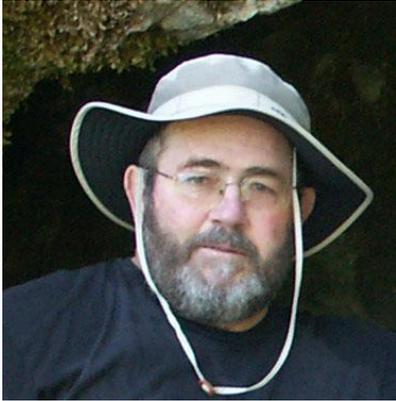
Home Location: Cedar Ridge, California

Professional Background and Relevant Experience: Chad Hanson has a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California at Davis, with a research focus on forest and fire ecology in western U.S. conifer forests. Dr. Hanson is a researcher in the Plant and Environmental Sciences department at the University of California at Davis. He is the author of numerous scientific studies in peer-reviewed scientific journals on the subjects of fire history, current fire patterns, post-fire conifer response, and wildlife species dependent upon the habitat created by forest fire.

Education: University of California at Davis, Ph.D., Ecology, June 2007; Completed a Ph.D. in Ecology, with 3.97 GPA, focusing research on forest and fire ecology

University of Oregon School of Law, Juris Doctorate, May 1995; Specialized in natural resources law Meritorious Brief Award in Best Brief Competition; Hired by Law School's Legal Research & Writing Program at end of first year of law school; Created and wrote course texts for the Legal Research and Writing Program for two years

University of California at Los Angeles, Bachelor of Science, 1990; Individual major in Nutritional Biopsychology through the Honors Department; Designed original research on blood sugar levels and reading comprehension; Awarded President's Undergraduate Research Fellowship for outstanding research design



Name: Chip Ashley

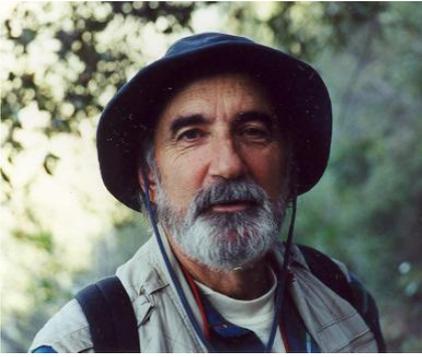
Current Position and Affiliation: Interested private citizen and owner of property surrounded by the Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project

Home Location: Watts Valley, Fresno County

Background and Relevant Experience: Chip has enjoyed the southern Sierra Nevada throughout his 63 years. He is a Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club member, and holds leadership positions in the Sierra Club. He is not, however, representing the Sierra Club in the Dinkey

Collaborative. He is part owner of 160 acres within the boundaries of the DLRP. He has managed this property for over 20 years and has overseen cattle grazing, timber harvest, and vegetation management projects on this family property, which his great grandmother, Lusarah Gilmer, purchased in 1898 from the original homesteader. He holds an MA in English Literature from CSU Fresno. Though possessing no degrees in forestry or biology, Chip has had a life-long interest in science and has spent a lifetime hands-on in this forest learning about its ecology.

Chip enjoys hiking in the local Sierra; fly-fishing; writing; reading science, poetry, politics, fiction, economics, and many other subjects; traveling and spending time with his family and listening to his daughter play the clarinet and sing in school concerts.



Name: Craig Thomas

Current Position and Affiliation: Conservation Director, Sierra Forest Legacy

Home Location: Garden Valley, El Dorado County, California

Professional Background and Relevant Experience: I have a BA degree in Cultural Ecology from Chico State College 1978 and have worked in the conservation movement (volunteer and paid staff) for 27 years. I was one of the original founding members of Sierra Forest Legacy in 1996 and served as the Conservation Director until 2000 and have been Executive Director since that time. I work on regional and national forest policy when not engaged in local project design and collaboration. Sierra Forest Legacy is a coalition of 90 member groups who promote protection of wildlife, restoration of old growth forests and fire as a critical ecological process. I am a survivor of the timber wars and look forward to contributing to their end. I am inspired the most by the work and writing of Aldo Leopold.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: My wife Vivian and I established Seven Grandfathers Farm (the first certified organic farm in El Dorado Co.) on our 7 acre rural home I hand built 31 years ago on Shoo Fly Ridge at 2500' in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Organic farming and managing our local farmers market makes for a busy summer! We love raising our own food and providing organic produce for our neighbors. We also have a deep love for Americana roots music and Irish traditional music and play a suite of musical instruments from acoustic, national steel, lap steel, and electric guitars, mandolin, Irish bouzouki, tenor guitar, tenor banjo, and a bit of fiddle.

My wife is a former Forest Service and National Park Service botanist and together we enjoy botanizing throughout California's beautiful flora. We hope (and work) for the day when war is not an option and people thrive in a sustainable and diverse world where compassion and equality rule the day.



**Name:** Craig Thompson

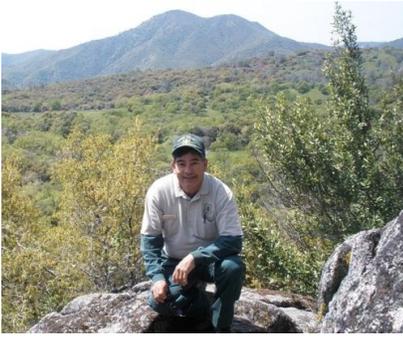
**Current Position and Affiliation:** Research Wildlife Ecologist, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station

**Home Location:** Coarsegold, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:** Craig Thompson is a research ecologist specializing in the impacts of large scale disturbances on the habitat and ecology of threatened mesocarnivores. His background includes a BS degree from the University of California at San Diego in ecology, an MS degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in landscape ecology, and a PhD from Utah State University in wildlife ecology. He has worked with a variety of species including black-footed ferrets, island foxes, swift foxes, and bald eagles. His doctoral research focused on the impacts of military training maneuvers on swift fox habitat in southern Colorado. He is also a USFS tree climbing instructor, with a climbing background ranging from rock to eagle nests.

Currently, Dr. Thompson is involved in several research projects looking at the impacts of fire and fuel management on forest carnivore populations in the Sierra Nevada. On the Sierra National Forest, he and his colleagues are using a variety of monitoring techniques including telemetry, remote cameras, and scat dog surveys to document fisher population density, habitat use, demographics, and response to forest management. Regionally, he is supervising a project using miniature GPS collars to document changes in fisher behavior and habitat use following fuel treatments.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Craig and his wife Michelle also own and operate a kids resale shop in Oakhurst, CA. And along with their 4 kids (ages 10 months to 12 years), they like to ski, hike, garden, and do just about anything associated with dogs or water. And we just got goats...



Name: Dirk Charley

Current Position and Affiliation: Tribal Relations Program Liaison, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests

Home Location: Fresno, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience: Currently serve as the Acting Tribal Relations Program Manager for Pacific Southwest Region 5; have been the Tribal Relations Program Liaison for the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests since November 2007. Have over 32 years of experience in the Forest Service. Eleven (11) years experience as a Human Resources (HR) Specialist where I had the shared responsibility for coordination & implementation of the full-range of HR programs for the Sierra NF, along with Regional Employee Relations/Labor Relations duties within Region 5. Served as the Sierra NF Equal Employment Manager (Forest Civil Rights Officer) for (4) years. (1992-96). Have thirteen (13) years experience in Wild land Fire suppression. (1979-1992). Last served in a Supervisory Forestry Technician role as the Horseshoe Meadow Hotshot Crew from 1990 to 1992; served as a Fire Engine Operator and performed Helitack duties associated with helicopter support operations. Currently a Tribal Council Member-At-Large for the Dunlap Band of Mono Indians, a non-federally recognized Tribe located east of Fresno. Served for 4 years as an Executive Director for the Dunlap Band of Mono Indians - Historical Preservation Society, a non-profit organization. Was a former small business Owner/operator of "Common Grounds", an Italian Deli Coffee shop located in Reedley, CA. (July 1995 to September 1998). Business featured Espresso/Gourmet Coffee drinks; sold coffee beans by the pound; served up iced drinks (mochas, smoothies, shaved ice); served specialty sandwiches & pasta dishes. Business operated a concession stand/cart at Indian powwows & craft fairs; provided catering services to local companies, schools, private organizations & groups for open house events, birthdays & office parties; Employed 10 temporary employees. Served honorably 4 years in the U.S. Navy (1975-79); Am a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Hiking, biking, fishing and spending time with my wife Mariateresa, & my two daughters, Daniela and Stefania. Enjoy taking care of my parents, Benjamin and Adeline Charley & being a good brother/uncle/friend to all; am involved in many volunteer events & projects in the community. Enjoy helping others out whenever & wherever I can.



Name: Dorian Fougères

Current Position and Affiliation: Senior Mediator and Southern California Office Director, Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University Sacramento

Home Location: Encinitas, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:

Dorian Fougères is a consensus-building practitioner with 14 years of experience in natural resource policy and management, including six years with the Center. He is a Senior Mediator and the Director of the Center's Southern California Office. He uses a broad array of skills and tools to help parties reach agreement on how to address challenging policy, scientific and engineering, and cross-cultural issues. His customized process designs create forums where public agencies can have meaningful and productive conversations with diverse stakeholders, including elected officials, planners, businesspersons, California Native Americans, growers and farmers, and engineers and scientists. Dr. Fougères' work focuses on water and forest resources, including flood protection, groundwater, conservation, wetlands, fire, fuels management, public safety, and forest carnivores. His areas of expertise include conflict assessment and resolution, collaborative visioning & strategic planning, technical joint fact-finding, and facilitation and collaborative leadership training. His work has involved a wide range of forums, including executive bodies and summits, citizens' advisory committees, multi-year consensus-building projects, large-scale public engagement events, and science-intensive workshops.

Dorian has been with the Center since 2007, and for three years co-led its Professional Development Series with Senior Mediator Sarah Rubin. He is on the National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals, and a member of IAP2 Northern California Chapter, the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, Mediators Beyond Borders, the American Society for Public Administration, and other professional associations. Dr. Fougères completed his PhD at UC Berkeley in 2005, after spending six years working on the political ecology of coral reefs and mangroves in Indonesia.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: There's life outside of work? Just kidding. Vipassana meditation, tai chi and shao lin chuan, ashtanga yoga, guitar, cooking to stay healthy with the seasons, and surfing every day I'm not on the road.



Name: Elissa Brown

Current Position and Affiliation: Grant Writing and Program Development Consultant, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Home Location: North Fork, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience: Elissa Brown is a grant writing and program development consultant. Her involvement in the Dinkey Collaborative is through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, but she also provides services to local government, tribes, agencies and nonprofit organizations in the region. Her work areas include community development, economic development, watershed assessment and management, infrastructure, parks and museums, etc.

Elissa is working with Mandy Vance of the SNC to develop a forest restoration planning process in the Willow Creek watershed of the Sierra National Forest. Her involvement in the Dinkey process will help assure coordination between the two efforts and will add to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Willow Creek project.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Vipassana meditation, vegetable garden and orchard, community projects, reading, walking with my dogs.



**Name:** Erin Stacy

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Education and Outreach Coordinator, Southern Sierra Critical Zone Observatory, University of California, Merced

**Home Location:** Merced, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:** Erin Stacy is a research associate working with a research project, in the Sierra National Forest, called the Southern Sierra Critical Zone Observatory (CZO). She received a BPhil from the University of Pittsburgh in environmental studies and anthropology, and an MS degree from the University of California, Merced in environmental systems. Her graduate research was conducted at the project sites of the Southern Sierra CZO and Kings River Environmental Watershed in the Sierra National Forest. It focused on changes in biogeochemistry of sediment as it is transported and the

implications of different stabilization mechanisms for the net carbon impact of erosion in the forests.

As the Education and Outreach coordinator for the Southern Sierra CZO, much of Erin's time is spent as an educator for students from kindergarten through college, and as a coordinator for researchers on the project. She organizes field trips, meetings and presentations. More information on the project can be found at [criticalzone.org/sierra](http://criticalzone.org/sierra). Between her graduate studies and her time as staff on the Southern Sierra CZO, Erin has spent almost four years working in the Dinkey Creek watershed.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Erin likes to hike, run, play ultimate frisbee, and read just about anything she can get her hands on. She completed her first marathon this past spring, and loves to travel.



**Name:** Jamison Tuitele-Lewis (Jamie)

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Assistant Forest Botanist, Sierra National Forest

**Home Location:** Prather/Tollhouse, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:** I have been with the Forest Service on and off for 11 years and for over five years in this position. I attended undergrad in Univ. of Hawai'i for a MA in botany and went on to do my graduate studies in plant ecology at Oregon State University. I have done vegetation and wildlife-related work in Washington, Oregon, California and Hawai'i that includes vegetation mapping, surveying and mapping of a rare butterfly species, spotted owl surveys, neo-tropical bird studies, been a member of a rare-plant/noxious weed supersquad, studied invasive ecology of *koa haole* in Diamond Head crater, and my master's thesis on the biology/ecology of sulfur cinquefoil in northeastern Oregon.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** my kids, friends, music, travel, surfing, snowboarding, plants, wildlife and billions and billions of stars.



**Name:** John R. Mount

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Retired forest manager, Southern California Edison, affiliated with SAF, Central Sierra Historical Society, and Sierra Foothill Conservancy among others

**Home Location:** The Sierra Nevada, Meadow Lakes/Shaver Lake, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:**

I have been a practicing forester for over 50 years. Most recently Forest Resources Manager for Southern California Edison Company at Shaver Lake. Previously I managed of 50 forest properties mostly around the central Sierra. Using the experience gained as a consulting forester and on the Shaver Lake lands I established an ecosystem based management program that resulted in increasing wildlife richness and diversity. While

wildlife was the focus and measurement of the program the resulting forest vegetation allowed in sound fiscal results. This forest also provided recreational opportunities for over 100,000 visitors each year and maintained a forest that was safer from destructive wildfire. Both timber harvesting and the reintroduction of natural fire were methods used to obtain the desired results. The path and results of this program is described in my publication 'Torching Conventional Forestry'.

([torchingconventionalforestry.com](http://torchingconventionalforestry.com)) This program also received numerous awards including; The Wildlife Society's Conservationist of the Year, the Governor's Environmental and Economic Award in Watershed and Ecosystem Management, the Forest Stewardship Award, and the Francis Raymond forester of the year Award.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** traveling, hiking, participation in organizations that promote sound land and forest management.



Name: Julie Gott

Current Position and Affiliation: Hydrologist - Forest Service, High Sierra Ranger District

Home Location: Prather, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience: Julie grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and completed her BS in Geology at the University of Cincinnati in 1993. Her first experience with the Forest Service was volunteering at the Intermountain Research Station in Boise through the Student Conservation Association, assisting with a long-term sediment transport study. After a few months collecting data in Idaho streams, she was hooked on evaluating stream channel processes. She was hired as a temporary employee at the Boise Lab upon conclusion of her volunteer assignment and has been with the Forest Service ever since. Julie pursued her interest in forest streams by studying in the Environmental Systems MS program at Humboldt State. She worked in Lake Tahoe, northwestern Montana, and southern Utah before coming to the Sierra NF in 2006. Here she discovered that she is extremely susceptible to poison oak, and therefore prefers to work in areas above 5000 ft in elevation. She enjoys considering landscapes from a process-based perspective, and loves wading upstream.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Hiking, skiing, playing with dogs, supporting small local (organic) farms and wineries, meditation...



**Name:** Kent Duysen

**Current Position and Affiliation:** General Manager of Sierra Forest Products and Sierra Power Corporation located in Terra Bella, California

**Home Location:** Porterville, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:** Kent has worked for Sierra Forest Products for over 40 years. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1974. Kent has been involved with forest industry activities including chairing the Forest Products Commission, chairman of the California Forestry Association and currently is on the board of American Forest Resource Association.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Kent enjoys doing yard work and projects around his house and is still trying to get his two girls through college. When there is time he enjoys camping and short excursions on weekends.



**Name:** Kim Sorini-Wilson

**Current Position and Affiliation:** District wildlife biologist, High Sierra RD, Sierra National Forest

**Home Location:** Prather, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:** Kim began her career with the Forest Service in 1988 on the Sequoia National Forest working with owl crews. She transferred to the Sierra in 1992 to become the owl crew leader out of North Fork, California. In 1995, she became a permanent employee with the Forest Service and has been the District wildlife biologist for the High Sierra Ranger District on the Sierra National Forest. Kim's work focuses on terrestrial wildlife with threatened, endangered and Forest Service sensitive species.

She received her AA in Psychology and continued her education at UCSB. She transferred schools and received her BS in Wildlife from Humboldt State University.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** going to the beach, gardening, birding, writing children's books, visiting with family, cooking, reading, going to my kids' sports, and hiking.



**Name:** Larry Duysen

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Forester and Logging Supervisor , Sierra Forest Products

**Home Location:** Terra Bella, California

**Professional Background:** Larry graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Forest Engineering in 1975. Since that time he has been employed by Sierra Forest Products and involved with logging supervision, timber sale appraisal and related forestry activities. He is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) and involved in several professional organizations including President of the Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference (1994), President of the Pacific Logging Congress (2003) and active with the local chapter of the Society of American Foresters. Larry is a former Commissioner with the California Forest Products Commission, a former member of the Tulare County / Kern County Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and Vice-Chair of the Sequoia Fire Safe Council.

Larry served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1969 to 1973. In the community he is an active member of the Porterville Breakfast Lions and American Legion Post 20.

**Things Enjoyed Outside Work:** Camping, fishing, hunting, motorcycles and time spent with my wife Kathleen and two grown daughters, Heather and Hillary.



**Name:** Mandy Vance

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Project Consultant for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy; Member of the Sustainable Forests and Communities Collaborative; and Co-Facilitator for the Willow Creek Collaborative

**Home Location:** Mariposa, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:**

Mandy Vance is a Project Consultant for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), a state agency which initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California. Prior to her work with the SNC, she served as the Director of WildLink, a groundbreaking wilderness education program and interagency partnership. In her more recent role with the SNC, she manages a wide variety of projects, including encouraging collaborative planning and project development through the Sustainable Forests and Communities Collaborative (SFCC), as well as co-facilitating the Willow Creek Collaborative, a project within the SFCC.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** road biking, music, dance, creating and appreciating mixed media arts, reading, writing and travel, particularly international



Name: Marc Meyer

Current Position and Affiliation: Southern Sierra Province Ecologist, USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

Home Location: Clovis, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:**

Marc Meyer is an ecologist with the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region and currently serves the Sierra, Stanislaus, Inyo, and Sequoia National Forests and Giant Sequoia National Monument. His work focuses on integrating science information into land management decisions for the national forests of the southern Sierra Nevada. Marc provides technical expertise in the areas of ecological restoration and monitoring, climate change science and planning, fire ecology, forest ecology, and wildlife ecology. He works on a diverse array of ecological issues in partnership with the Pacific Southwest Research Station, National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, conservation organizations, and academia. Marc is currently involved in two Collaborative Forest Restoration Projects, two Fire Science organizations, one ecoregional climate change planning effort, several regional monitoring efforts, and the Teakettle Experimental Forest research project.

Marc has a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of California Davis and bachelors and masters degrees in environmental biology from the California State University Northridge. Prior to coming to the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region, Marc spent four years working for the agency's Pacific Southwest Research Station in Davis, California (under the supervision of Dr. Malcolm North) and one year as a postdoctoral fellow at the UC Merced Sierra Nevada Research Institute Wawona Field Station. Marc has nearly 20 years experience studying the effects of fire and management treatments on flora and fauna of California's ecosystems (the last 12 years in the southern Sierra Nevada). He has conducted research in the Sierra National Forest, Giant Sequoia National Monument, Yosemite National Park, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Carrizo Plan National Monument, Mojave National Preserve, and southwestern United States. He has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed ecological science journals and currently serves as Associate Editor for the journal *Fire Ecology*.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Hiking, backpacking, skiing, mountain biking, and classical guitar



Name: Mark T. Smith

Current Position and Affiliation: Interested Forester

Home Location: Clovis, CA

Professional Background, including Relevant Past Experience:

After a long Forest Service career, Mark has worked on a part-time basis to provide vegetation management analysis and NEPA development for several projects in the Sierra Nevada. He is an active member of the

Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project Collaborative.

As Natural Resources Staff Officer, Sierra National Forest from 2002 to July, 2008, Mark directed the ecosystem management program and budget for all the natural resources on the Forest except grazing and for the heritage resources (archaeology). Responsibilities of the staff were fairly evenly balanced between the wildlife, timber, soil and watershed, heritage resources, GIS, minerals and geology and silviculture programs or resources.

As Silviculturist, Sierra National Forest from 1981 to 2002, Mark planned, directed and monitored silvicultural activities on the Forest which has five major vegetation types dominated by trees. Provided technical guidance and training in the preparation of vegetation management prescriptions which involved thinning, reforestation, regeneration harvest and herbicide application.

Earlier career assignments included District Ranger on the Mono Lake District and recreation positions at Lake Tahoe and Mammoth Lakes.

Mark has a BS in Forest Management from Humboldt State University and has done continuing graduate and undergraduate education at UC Berkeley and Hayward State and Fresno State Universities. He is a Registered Professional Forester in California.

Other Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Bridge, skiing and fishing



Name: Pamela Flick

Current Position and Affiliation: California Representative,  
Defenders of Wildlife

Home Location: Orangevale, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:

Pamela Flick is the California Representative for Defenders of Wildlife, a national wildlife conservation organization. Based in Sacramento, California, she works on a wide variety of issues for Defenders' California

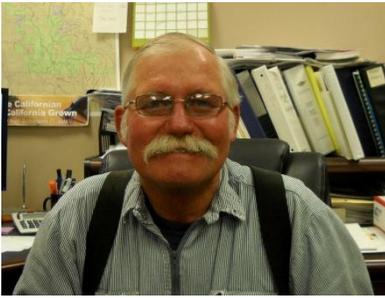
Program, including federal land management with an emphasis on Sierra Nevada national forests, and advancing conservation of carnivores, birds and amphibians, including Pacific fisher, San Joaquin kit fox, gray wolf, California condor, burrowing owl, Yosemite toad, and Sierra yellow-legged frog.

In addition to participating in the Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project and co-leading the Collaborative's communications and outreach working group, Pam is a member of the Southern Sierra Nevada Fisher Working Group and co-chairs its Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Reduction Subcommittee. She is a member of the California Wolf Stakeholders Group, working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to draft a statewide wolf management plan. Pam also serves on the Sierra Nevada Alliance board of directors, advisory boards of Sierra Forest Legacy and the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area Campaign, and the steering committee of the Southern Sierra Prescribed Fire Council. She is a member of The Wildlife Society's Western Section and Sacramento-Shasta Chapter, and the Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders alumni advisory group.

Prior to joining Defenders in 2005, Pam worked to protect the Golden State's public lands and rivers as Communications Coordinator and Administrative Director for the California Wild Heritage Campaign and Administrative Director for the Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign. She began her career in environmental conservation in 1997 with positions in Friends of the River's volunteer rafting program and membership department.

Pamela graduated summa cum laude from California State University, Sacramento, with a bachelor degree in Environmental Studies and a minor in Biological Sciences. She earned associate degrees in Biological Sciences and Liberal Studies from Sierra College. Pam also studied Natural Resources Conservation and played intercollegiate volleyball at Columbia College prior to transferring to Sierra College. She is originally from Mariposa, California.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: In her free time, Pam enjoys live music, gardening, birding, traveling, photography, raising bantam chickens, backpacking, playing games, and spending time in the great outdoors, opting for the road less traveled with her husband in their 1971 VW Westfalia.



Name: Patrick Emmert

Current Position and Affiliation: Chief Forester, Southern California Edison Company

Home Location: Shaver Lake, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:

Patrick Emmert, Registered Professional Forester #1839, leads and participates with the SCE Forestry Team in forest management and forest practices on nearly 18,000-acres of forest lands located at Shaver Lake and at Dinkey Creek, California. Management practices on SCE forest lands are designed attain a balanced forest ecosystem that is useful to SCE and the public by providing for water, wildlife, recreation, and continuous wood fiber production. All prescribed land uses consider water quality and yield, which are maximized through proper vegetation management. Wildlife is a prime consideration of management practices and is recognized in two forms: recreational (hunting, fishing, and viewing) and ecological. All species are considered interdependent with a healthy timber stand. Recreational uses of SCE lands are consistent with historic commitments to the public and are in harmony with water quality and wildlife requirements. Timber management is practiced in support of all related objectives predominantly through uneven-aged silvicultural management practices.

Patrick initiated his forest work experience during summer break from college enrollment at Fresno CC, CSU Fresno, and Humboldt State University with work involving sawmill construction, road construction, firefighting, and timber marking. Following graduation with a B.S. in Forest Production, work involved engineering and forestry crew work in British Columbia, Canada before gaining employment in 1975 with regional sawmill companies working in the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests. Work experience ranged from road construction and engineering, tree planting, prescribed fire use, logging, contract administration, and preparing Timber Harvest Plans. Work locations have ranged from the Santa Cruz Mountains to the Sierra Nevada to the San Bernardino Mountains on private, state, and federal lands.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Gardening, reading, tree farming, fishing, traveling, good food, family and friends.



Name: Ramiro Rojas

Current Position and Affiliation: District Silviculturist, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest

Home Location: Big Creek, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:

Ramiro has spent 32 years working with the US Forest Service. He has held forest management positions (Fire suppression, fuels management, timber management, and silviculture) in Southern California, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and the Sierra Nevada of California. In

addition, he has assisted in international forestry advising governments in Central America and Afghanistan. Ramiro worked as a wildland firefighter on both hotshot crews and smokejumpers crews in locations that ranged from the arctic circle to Mexico and Hawaii to the Florida everglades. He is currently the District Silviculturist on the High Sierra Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest. Forest management planning, reforestation, fire recovery, restoration, fire fuels reduction, and timber harvests are his principle duties. Ramiro works with a wide range of interested stake holders to accomplish forest management activities that include state and local agencies, timber industry groups, environmental organizations, local landowners, recreation permittees, utility companies and schools. Ramiro holds a bachelors of science in forest management from Humboldt State University California and is a certified silviculturist.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Ramiro is active in local schools and is school board President and Trustee. Ramiro lists his greatest accomplishment as his 20 year marriage to his wife Laura.



**Name:** Ray Laclergue

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Plant Nursery owner and operator, Intermountain Nursery, Prather, Calif.

**Home Location:** Prather, Calif.

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:**

BS degree Horticulture Science, UC Davis. Ray has been in the nursery business for 33 years at the same location in Prather Calif. Intermountain Nursery specializes in growing low-water use and Calif. native plants for the retail trade. There is also a restoration and revegetation part of the business where seed is collected for site-specific plantings for impacted ecosystems. Grand Bluff Forest is a 240 acre in holding parcel that we have been involved in since 1999. It is a reforestation, watershed protection project funded by Sierra Nevada Conservancy with a conservation easement, to stay a working forest into perpetuity. There is a forestry nursery at GB, and 2-3000 trees are planted every year on the project. We are learning a lot. Our involvement with the Dinkey Collaborative is as private forest land owners.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Ray and his wife, Bonnie spend most of their free time hiking around this extraordinary piece of this earth that is the Grand Bluff Forest.



Name: Rebecca A. Garcia

Current Position and Affiliation: Public Affairs Officer for the Sierra National Forest

Home Location: Clovis, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:

Rebecca A. Garcia is the Public Affairs Officer for the Sierra National Forest, Clovis, CA. In this role she is responsible for all Sierra National Forest communication regarding resources, management and programs. The Sierra National Forest encompasses more than 1.3 million acres of public lands and grasslands located within the national forest. The

Forest Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Garcia is a graduate of California State University Fresno, class of 1999. In 2001, Ms. Garcia received an ROTC commission and began her career as an Air Force Public Affairs officer. She has served in various Air Force, NATO and joint military public affairs assignments, to include Chief of Public Affairs at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., and assistant professor of Military Communication at the U.S. Military Academy - West Point, N.Y.

Ms. Garcia's public affairs background includes military, civilian and academic assignments. She has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and humanitarian, civic-assistance missions to Haiti, Colombia and other countries in the U.S. Southern Command area of interest. In addition to being the Sierra National Forest Public Affairs Officer, Ms. Garcia continues to serve as an Air Force Reservist.

Education:

1999 - Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication, California State University – Fresno

2001 - Master of Arts degree in Communication, California State University – Fresno

2001 - Reserve Officer Training Course, Det. 035, California State University – Fresno

2001 - Air and Space Basic Course, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2001 - Public Affairs Officer's Course, Defense Information School, Fort Meade, MD

2002 - Phoenix Readiness, Air Mobility Warfare Center, Fort Dix, NJ

2009 - Squadron Officer School by correspondence



Name: Rebecca Green

Current Position and Affiliation: Field Crew Leader for the Kings River Fisher Project, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station *and* PhD Graduate Student, Ecology Program, University of California, Davis

Home Location: Shaver Lake, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:

Rebecca received her BA in Comparative Cultures from St. Andrews College in North Carolina and has had the opportunity to experience other cultures personally on trips to India, Mexico, and Guatemala. After working and exploring in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks for a few years after receiving her undergraduate degree, Rebecca enrolled at Humboldt State University, California to pursue

a MS degree in Wildlife. While she is interested in all types of wildlife from songbirds to salamanders, members of the Mustelid family became a particular interest after some rare but memorable encounters with martens and fishers while working in the parks. As a result, Rebecca decided to conduct her master's project in Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP, focusing on determining the distribution of small carnivores and evaluating the California Wildlife Habitat Relationships model for American marten in this area. After gaining additional experience with fisher research techniques on the Hoopa Reservation in northwestern California, she joined the Kings River fisher project on the Sierra National Forest and enrolled as a PhD student in Ecology at UC Davis. Her dissertation research is primarily focused on fisher reproductive ecology in the southern Sierra Nevada, including identifying when fishers give birth, the number of kits born to each female, the types of trees that females select as dens, and the characteristics of the forest surrounding these reproductive dens.

Although fishers can be extremely challenging to study, Rebecca has really enjoyed working with Kathryn Purcell and Craig Thompson of PSW Research Station to study this elusive carnivore on the Kings River project. Over the years, she has trained numerous technicians and interns in the use of field techniques to study the relationship between fisher ecology, forest habitat, management and conservation.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: What, there's stuff to do outside of work and graduate school? Well, when she does have some spare time, Rebecca enjoys hiking, trying to keep up with her bird-watching husband, listening to bluegrass music, eating Indian food, and looking at wildlife field guides from countries that she hopes to visit once the dissertation is done.



**Name:** Richard J. Bagley

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Manager, Southern California Edison's 20,000 acre forest at Shaver Lake

**Home Location:** Shaver Lake, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:**

Thirty nine years working in Wildland Fire Management / Prescribed Burning / Fire Ecology and Forest Ecosystem Management

12 years with US Forest Service on Six Rivers and Sierra National Forests

and 27 years for Southern California Edison Forestry operations at Shaver Lake.

Founding member and President of Highway 168 Fire Safe Council 14 years

Founder and Director Shaver Lake Volunteer Organization 15 years. (SL Volunteers work on trails, environmental and community projects in Shaver Lake area.)

Member Association for Fire Ecology 25 years

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Avid outdoor recreationist including Hiking/Backpacking, Mountain Biking, Kayaking.

Name: Ron Goode

Current Position and Affiliation: Tribal Chairman, North Fork Mono Tribe

Home Location: Clovis, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:

The Honorable Ron Goode (Quint-na a-pus) is the Tribal Chairman for the North Fork Mono Tribe. He is a Life Member and past Board Member with the Sierra Mono Museum. He is a past member of the State of California's State Parks and Recreation Native American Advisory Council. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and belongs to the National American Indian Veterans Association, Pacific Region.

Ron is retired as the Outreach Consultant for the Dropout Prevention Program for the Fresno Unified School District. He is also retired as an Adjunct Instructor for the State Community College District in the American Indian Studies Department teaching at both Fresno City College and at the Oakhurst Center.

Mr. Goode is a published author, an ethnobotany book on native plants and resources [Cultural Traditions Endangered, 1992]. Ron owns his own archaeological consulting business [Eagle Eye Enterprises, since 1978]. He has been conducting ethnographical research for over forty years on the Mono culture and has several articles published.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Ron and his family own a Deer Ranch in Clovis [Ta-Hoot Deer Ranch], where they raise Fallow deer for the venison market to restaurants as well as the general public. Ron is an accomplished soapstone carver and a statewide highly noted Native American storyteller.



**Name:** Shawn Ferreria

**Current Position and Affiliation:** Senior Air Quality Specialist, San Joaquin Valley APCD

**Home Location:** Fresno, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:** Shawn Ferreria has worked at the District for more than 10 years. His work has included providing the daily air quality, prescribed, and hazard reduction burn forecasts. In addition, he determines the residential wood burn decisions during the winter. He also provides historical analysis on particulate and ozone episodes. Over the past few years, Shawn has become actively involved in fire policy issues.

Shawn is a graduate of the University of California at Davis Atmospheric Science program. Even as a child, Shawn had an interest in forecasting, building a weather station in his family's back yard and comparing his readings to weather forecasts.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Frequently today, you will find Shawn riding his bicycle on the streets of Fresno 18 miles a day to and from work in order to live a Healthy Air Living Lifestyle. He also loves to walk to the park with his son and play outside in the backyard with his chickens.



Name: Stan Harger

Current Position and Affiliation: Retired and active as a volunteer

Home Location: Fresno, California

Professional Background and Relevant Volunteer Experience: Harger worked professionally as an educator and public school administrator before becoming a corporate quality training manager and vice president for quality in private industry. He then operated his own quality improvement/organizational development consulting business.

Stan has been an active volunteer throughout his life in numerous organizations including: a Senior Examiner for the National Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, Chair of the Judges and initiator of the Missouri Quality Award, an instructor for the Red Cross in several areas and member of their DAT and DSHR teams, member of the Scott County MN Solid Waste Advisory Committee, instructor and subdivision leader for Community Emergency Management Teams (CERT), member of Amateur Radio Emergency Services, elected public officer for the Salem OR Suburban Rural Fire District Board, a Search and Rescue member for both the Madera and Fresno Sheriffs' offices, chair of a Rural Electric Cooperative advisory committee, member of the Dinkey Creek Collaborative for the Sierra National Forest, and member of the Stewards of the Sierra National Forest.

Other Enjoyed Activities: Stan enjoys getting into the out of doors as much as possible by riding his ATV, hunting, fishing, dog training, etc. Sometimes he has combined his love of nature and continued learning with his volunteer work as with the Stewards of the Sierra National Forest, Fresno and Madera County's Search and Rescue, and the Dinkey Creek and Whiskey Ridge Collaboratives. Through his activities with SAR, CERT, ARES, and Red Cross he contributes to the community's emergency preparedness.

He also enjoys gardening, canoeing, his grandkids, and traveling with his wife Pat.



Name: Stan Van Velsor

Current Position and Affiliation: Regional Conservation Representative,  
The Wilderness Society

Home Location: San Francisco, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience: Since joining the Wilderness Society in 2006, Stan has led a coalition of conservation organizations involved in efforts to reclaim and restore unneeded and environmentally problematic roads on National Forests in California.

After graduating from New Mexico State University with a B.S. in Wildlife Science, Stan began his career in natural resource management as a resource specialist with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Stan left the BLM to pursue graduate work in environmental policy and education at the University of Michigan and later earned a Ph.D. in Natural Resource Management at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has worked in environmental education and spent several years in conservation grant-making with the Pew Fellows Program. Stan's most recent work has been in the conservation nonprofit world with the Sierra Club and now The Wilderness Society.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Stan is an avid bicyclist and enjoys the wealth of riding opportunities available in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Name: Stephanie Barnes

Current Position and Affiliation: District Fisheries and Aquatic Biologist, High Sierra Ranger Station, Sierra National Forest; US Forest Service

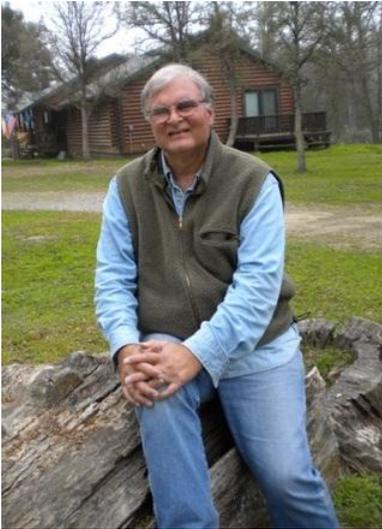
Home Location: Fresno, California

Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience: Stephanie Barnes is the District Fisheries and Aquatic biologist for the USDA Forest Service on the beautiful Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District. Her primary duties are focused on surveying and managing habitats and populations of

listed amphibians including Yosemite toads, Mountain yellow-legged frog and Foothill yellow-legged frog; reptiles including the Western pond turtle, and fish species such as the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Stephanie received her B.S in Biological Sciences (emphasis: Zoology) with a minor in Chemistry from California State University, Chico in 1996. She currently has over 14 years experience in fisheries and aquatic biology with the Forest Service. She started her career as a volunteer for the fisheries crew here on the Sierra NF in 1997 and then move on to gain other fisheries experiences with Bull trout and multiple anadromous fish on forests including the Mount Hood NF, Shasta-Trinity NF, Klamath NF, and the Umatilla NF before coming back to the Sierra NF to become the Assistant Fisheries Biologist in 2001. In 2008 she was offered the opportunity to become the District Fisheries and Aquatic Biologist and accepted gladly.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: I enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, hiking, hiking, and hiking. Did I mention hiking? Oh, and looking for toads and frogs when I hike. I also love my three adopted rescue greyhounds – all ex-racers. They are awesome.



Name: Steve Haze

**Current Position and Affiliation:**

Executive Director/1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council; Project Manager – Sierra Resource Conservation District

Home Location: Auberry, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:**

Steve Haze is currently Executive Director and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council – a four county quasi-governmental non-profit organization whose region includes Mariposa, and the eastern counties of Madera, Fresno and Tulare Counties within the Sierra Nevada region. He has been involved with the Council for 10 years. The Council is composed of Tribal and County governments, firesafe councils, economic development, environmental and other organizations working towards the conservation and sustainable use of our natural resources – as well as economic development.

For the last 3 years, Steve has been a Project Manager with the Sierra Resource Conservation District of eastern Fresno County. Previously, he worked for Sierra Foothill Conservancy for 7 years. His primary responsibility with these two organizations has included a CALFED Bay Delta funded watershed assessment and stewardship program in the Upper San Joaquin River: ([www.usjrwatershed.org](http://www.usjrwatershed.org)).

Steve holds a degree in Applied Economics from the University of San Francisco. Professionally, for 30 years he worked for a number of high tech and IT companies based in Silicon Valley. Steve also has formed a regional non-profit – San Joaquin Valley Leadership Forum ([www.sjvwlf.org](http://www.sjvwlf.org)) which is focused on economic, educational and environmental challenges facing the 8 counties within the San Joaquin Valley, and has a stewardship program on the San Joaquin River. He is also president of the San Joaquin River Trail Council ([www.sjrtrc.org](http://www.sjrtrc.org)) and a board member of the San Joaquin River Intertribal Heritage Educational Corporation (<http://www.intertribalcenter.org/>). He has participated in programs related to global challenges; traveling to the Middle East, Africa and Mexico.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Getting out into the natural environment – believe it or not, backpacking out of Florence Lake; traveling for societal, cultural and historical purposes – and working on restoration activities on my own property in Auberry.



**Name:** Steve Marsh

**Current Position and Affiliation:** District Archaeologist, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest

**Home Location:** Reedley, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:** Steve has a BA in Anthropology from Humboldt State University, and has been an archaeologist with the Forest Service and in private industry since 1990.

**Things Enjoyed Outside of Work:** Fun with my wife and kids.



Name: Sue Britting

Current Position and Affiliation: Executive Director, Sierra Forest Legacy

Home Location: Coloma, California

**Professional Background and Relevant Past Experience:**

Sue Britting is the Executive Director of Sierra Forest Legacy. She previously served as the Science and Policy Advisor for Sierra Forest Legacy since 1997. She received her doctorate in biology from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1992. Her work with Legacy includes the evaluation and development of conservation strategies for ecosystems in the Sierra Nevada. Working as a consultant to non-profit organizations, her services include advising on implementation of federal and state environmental policies, analysis of land management plans, and the development of habitat conservation plans. She has co-authored watershed and conservation assessments for the South Fork American and Cosumnes watersheds. She also co-authored the "Sierra Nevada Community Conservation and Wildfire Protection Plan Guidebook," a tool to assist communities in the development of wildfire protection plans. Her primary area of interest is conservation planning in the foothills and forests of the Sierra Nevada, although her interest in the development of conservation policy extends statewide. In 2002, she was appointed to serve as a member of the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. During her tenure, she served as Chair of the Forest Practices Committee. Sue has served for over 10 years in leadership positions with the California Native Plant Society, a statewide plant conservation organization, and the American River Conservancy, a land trust in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Things Enjoyed Outside of Work: Cooking, gardening, and reading (fiction fan and cookbook peruser) are high on my list.